Dental Assistant

**TECHNICAL DIPLOMA**  Program Code: 30-508-2 | Downtown Milwaukee Campus

This one-semester program prepares students to perform a variety of patient care techniques done under the supervision of a dentist during examination and treatment. Coursework includes academic and clinical competencies, and students will have 128 hours of clinical experience in a dental practice. A Dental Assistant-Bilingual diploma also is available.

**Career Outlook**
Employment opportunities for trained dental assistants are plentiful in private offices, hospitals and clinic settings. As dentists’ workloads increase, they are expected to hire more assistants to perform routine tasks.

**Workplace Competencies**
Employers expect graduates to:
- Relate dental anatomy and terminology to dental procedures
- Recognize the importance of proper infection control and instrument/equipment sterilization
- Demonstrate techniques for exposing and mounting dental x-ray films
- Provide patients with oral hygiene instruction
- Perform expanded duties such as temporary crown fabrication and coronal polishing

**Admission Requirements**
This program admits students through a petition selection process. Please see this program’s web page at matc.edu to view the petition process.
### Dental Assistant Curriculum

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**TOTAL CREDITS: 16**

‡ Prerequisite required.

Program curriculum requirements are subject to change.

For complete information, go to [matc.edu/health_sciences/index.cfm](http://matc.edu/health_sciences/index.cfm)

To apply for financial aid, visit [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)

School Code: 003866

Possible Career

- Dental Assistant

Related Programs

- Dental Hygiene
- Dental Technician